

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

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The invention relates to diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as kaposi sarcoma, Castleman's disease, multiple myeloma, kidney cell carcinoma, mesangial proliferative glomerulonephritis or B cell lymphoma and relates more particularly to viral interleukin 6 for the diagnosis and treatment of human disease.

Page 2, after line 3: Insert -DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE  
INVENTION--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please insert the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel claim 7** without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **amend claims 1-4, 8-11, 16-19, 34, and 35** as follows:

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1. Isolated viral interleukin-6 (v-IL-6) obtained by recombinant expression of the DNA of human herpes virus type 8 ("HHV-8").